



The Surprising Tree of Knowledge

I'm Simon Bore just come from College, my study I pursued
far,
I'm called, for my surprising knowledge, the Walking Encyclo-
pædia.
Some perhaps may call me Quiz, their jeers I value not a jot,
But the art of Nature all that is I'll tell you, ay, and what is
not.

CHORUS.

And so then you must acknowledge O, I made good use of col-
lege O,
When I was there completely bare I stripped the tree of know-
ledge O.

Hay is brought to town in a cart, sausages are not made of tin,
They don't feed cows with apple-tarts, nor wear gilt spurs
upon their shins,
Bullocks don't wear Hessian boots, the Lifey is not turtle soup,
A child can eat an iron hoop, nor a pig can't play a German
flute.

Putty is not good to eat, a frying-pan, is not made of gauze,
Penny loaves are made of wheat, and bonnets too are made of
straws,
A horse does not wear a pair of hats, fiddles are not made of
cheese,
Pigeon pies are not water-rats, boiled salmon never grows on
trees.

Twenty turnips make a score; Dutchmen rarely drink champaign
A cow's tail seldom grows before, they don't make wigs of
bamboo cane,
Watchmen seldom lie on beds, cabbage cannot dance a jig,
Grass do not grow on ladies heads, bull-dogs do not wear big
wigs.

Fifty pounds of yellow soap, weighs more than twenty-five of
cheese,
An oyster cannot chew a rope, poor people have no right to
sneer;
The German walis are not a hen, Frenchmen are mostly born
in France;
A fish is not afraid to swim, and turkeys seldom learn to dance

Houses are not packing boats, candles are always made of fat;
Cloth would make a big great coat, and poison I'm sure would
kill rats,
Dogs are not as big as asses; strawberries do not grow in sea;
Quarts are as large as glasses, and coffee is not congou tea.

